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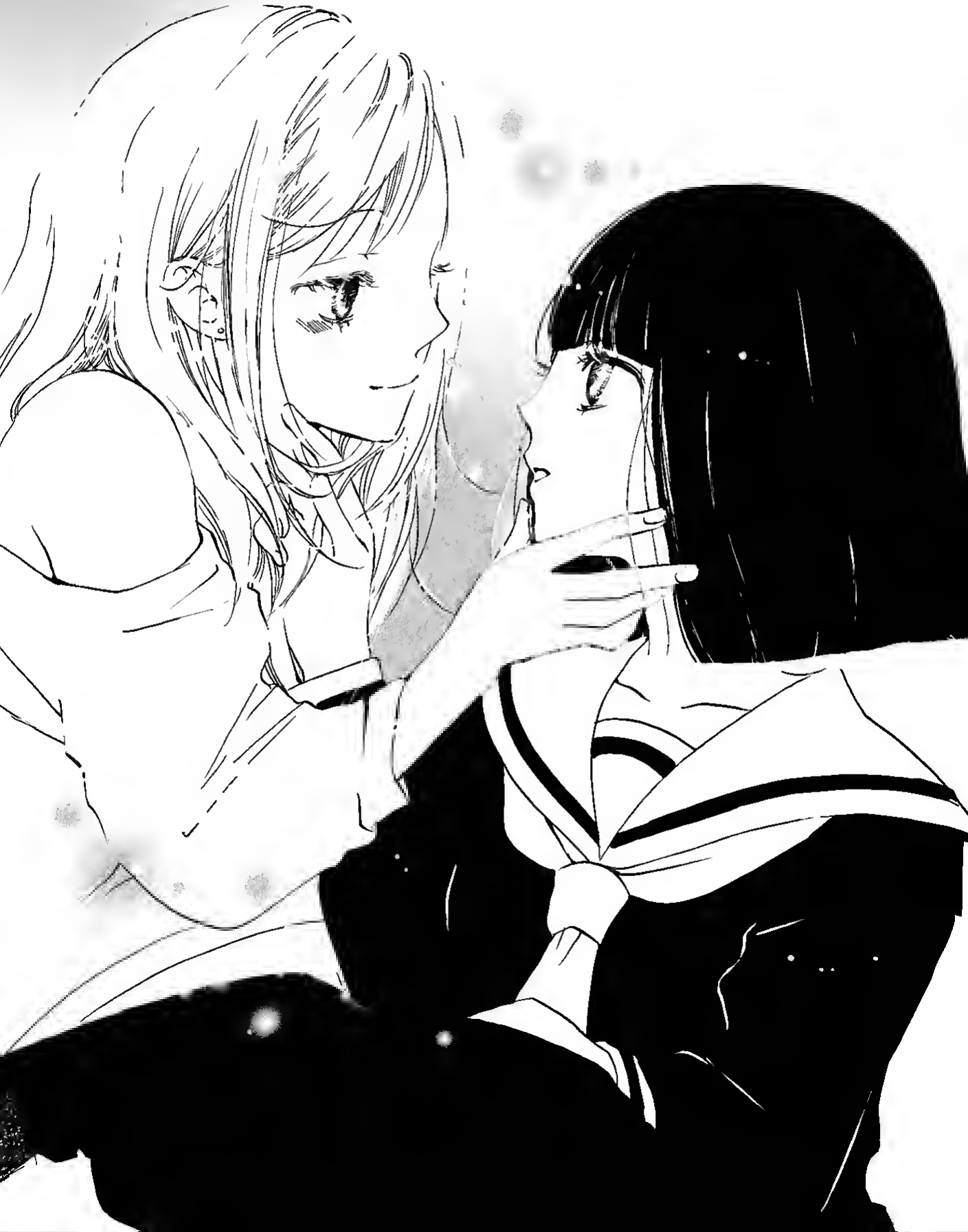
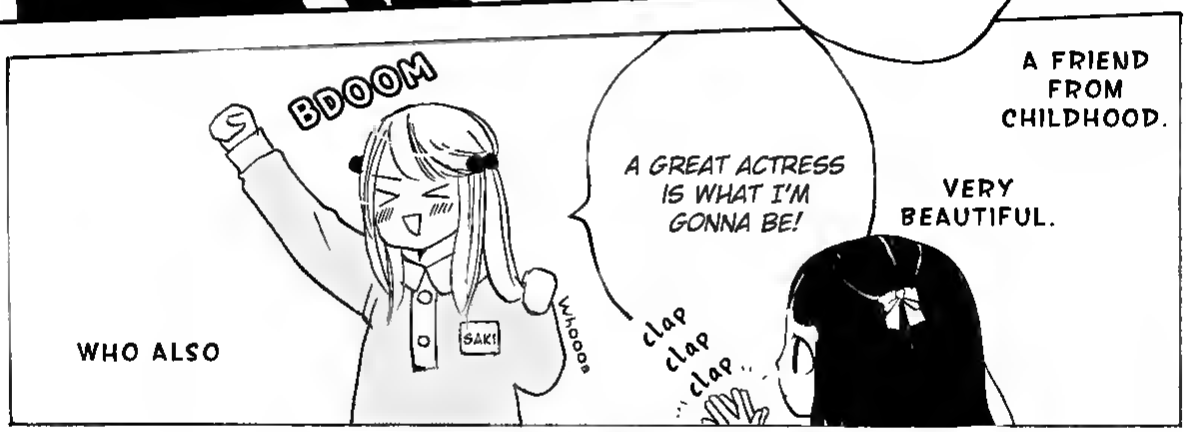


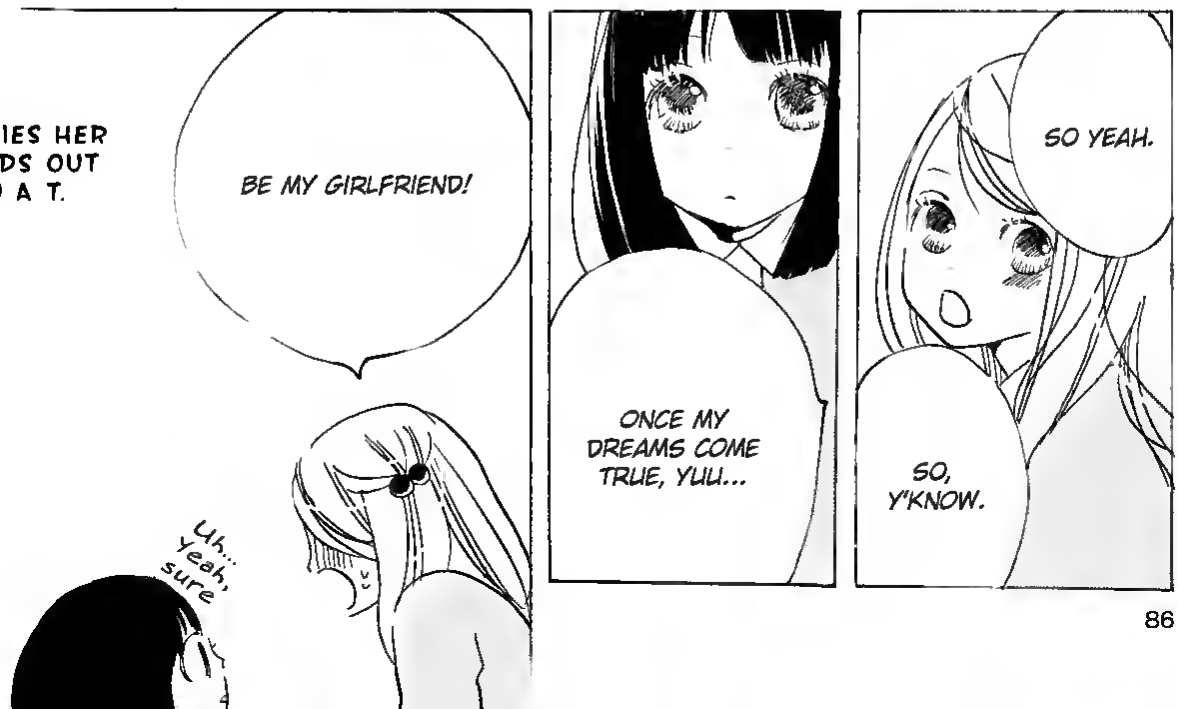
I LOVE YOU.
AND ONLY YOU.
OH...
THIS PROGRAM IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE
SPONSOR ICHIJINSHA
NEXT WEEK: A SUDDEN, SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT!
MAN, SAKI-CHAN IS SERIOUSLY CUTE!
Hayato is quite the looker, too.
I CAN'T WAIT 'TILL NEXT WEEK! WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN?
WELL, IN THE ORIGINAL—
STOP! DON'T SAY IT!
SQUEAL SQUEAL

NOTE: ICHIJINSHA IS THE PUBLISHING COMPANY THAT OWNS YURIHIME, THE MAGAZINE IN WHICH THIS WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED.

AND YOU KNOW, MINATO SAKI IS ORIGINALLY FROM AROUND HERE.
MY SISTER THREE GRADES AHEAD OF ME SAYS THEY WERE IN THE SAME YEAR!
!! NO WAY!
SQUEAL SQUEAL
AND THAT SHE'S EVEN CUTER IN PERSON!
CUTER IN PERSON... YEAH...
LURK
TWITCH
WHY, HELLO THERE, LITTLE GIRL!
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
Heh Heh Heh
OH NO. A CREEPER. WHAT DO I DO.
HEY ♪

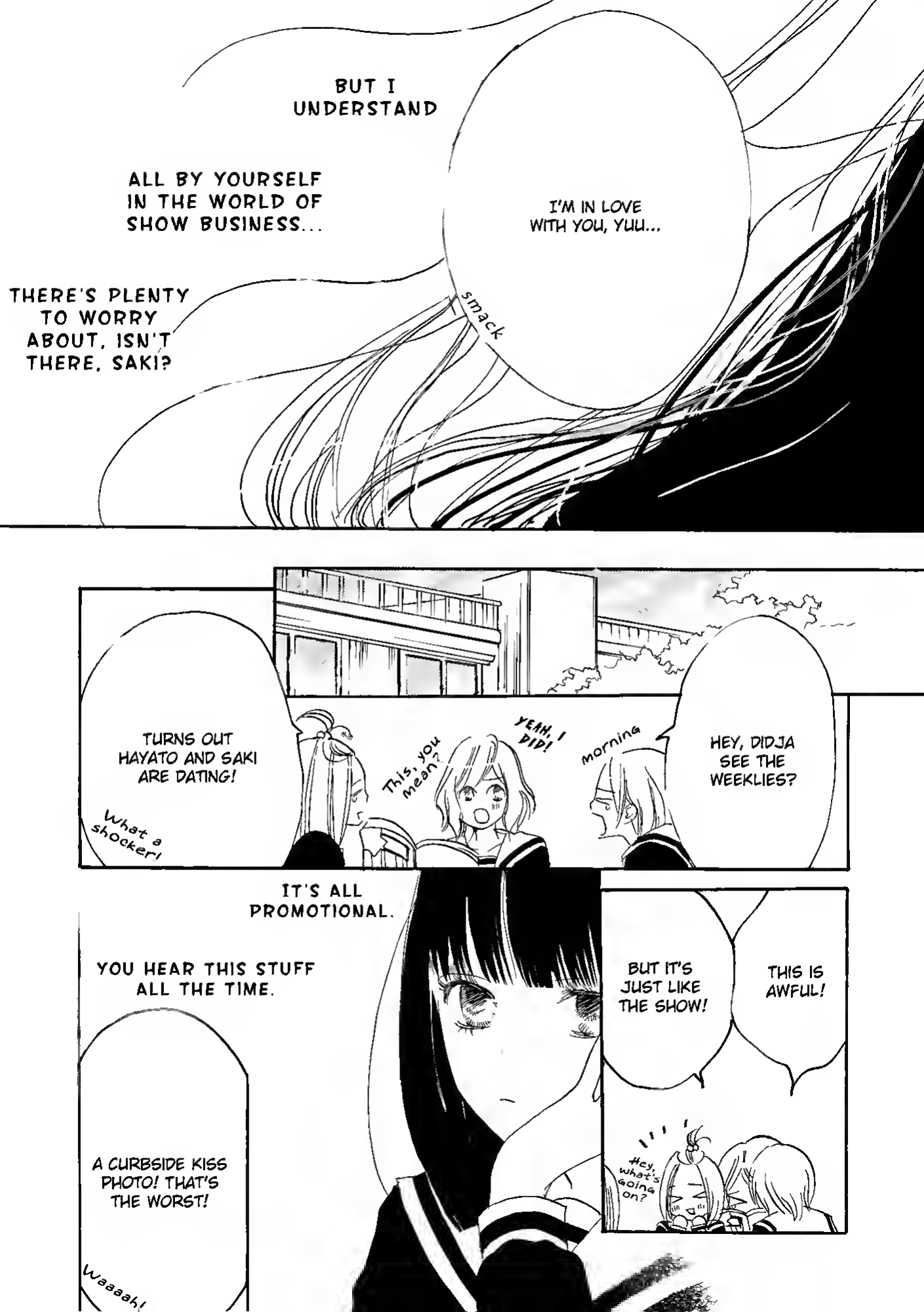
SAKI
IS MY GIRLFRIEND
I COULDN'T, I'M AN UPSTANDING HIGH SCHOOLER!
AND I AM SAKI'S GIRLFRIEND.
YUU-TAN! ♥ I GOT TIRED OF WAITING.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I HAD AN OFF-DAY. I WAS HOPING YOU'D DITCH CLASS.


A FRIEND FROM CHILDHOOD.
VERY BEAUTIFUL.
A GREAT ACTRESS IS WHAT I'M GONNA BE!
clap clap clap...
BDOOM
Whoosh
SAKI
WHO ALSO


CARRIES HER WORDS OUT TO A T.
BE MY GIRLFRIEND!
Uh... yeah, sure
ONCE MY DREAMS COME TRUE, YUU...
SO, Y'KNOW.
SO YEAH.

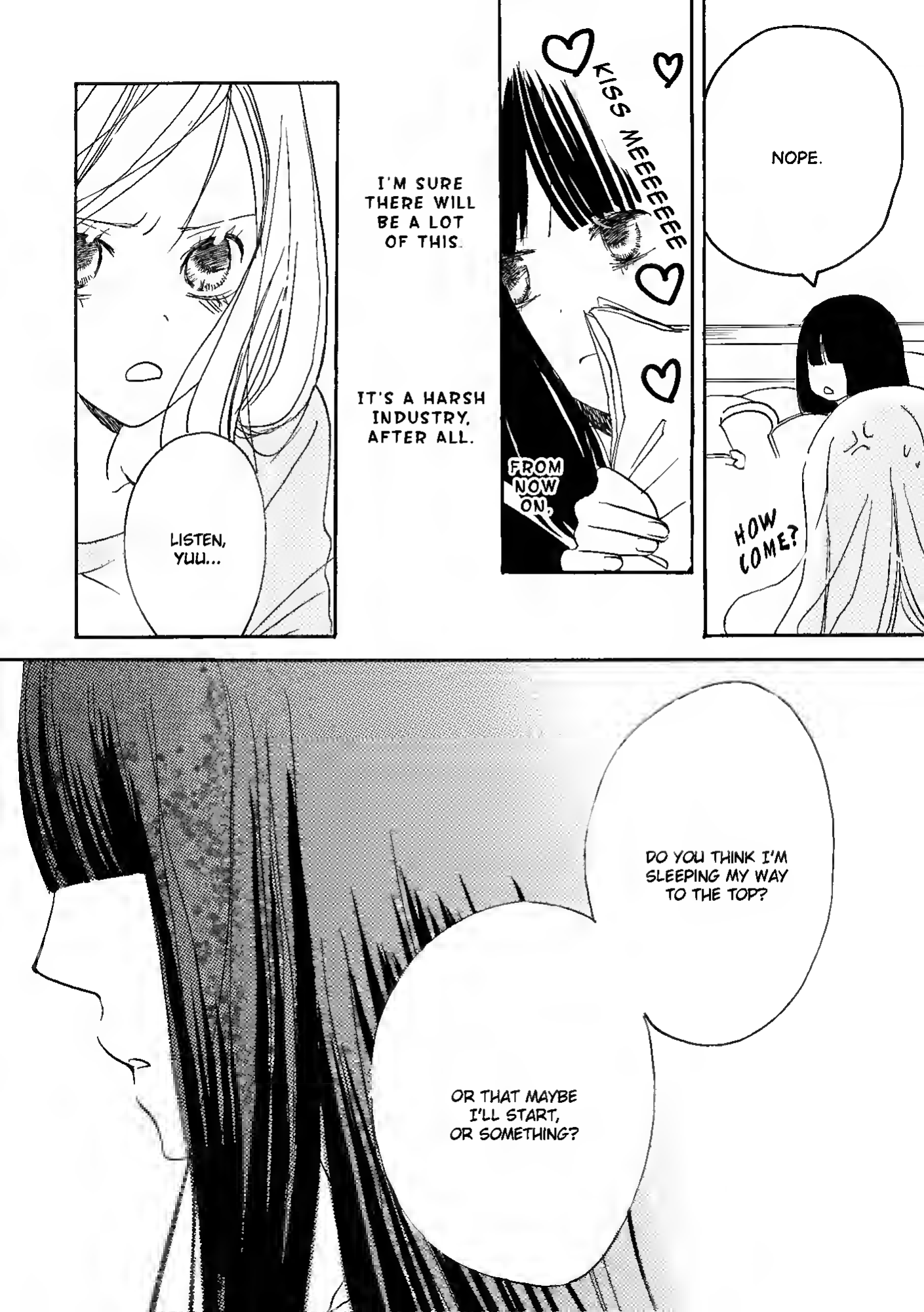
MINATO
THE GIRLS IN MY CLASS ARE REALLY KICKING UP A FUSS.
THEY DON'T KNOW THE REALITY. IT'S FRIGHTENING.
WHAT IS?
THE TRUTH IS, YOU'RE AS DOMINEERING AS A QUEEN.
Well, a queen wouldn't drink straight from the carton
PLAYING THE UNSULLIED WAIF IS PRO'S WORK!
I use a mug
AND YOU EAT CONVENIENCE STORE FOOD EVERY DAY WHEN LEFT TO YOUR OWN DEVICES.
I'D RATHER GET FOOD FROM YOU!
AND YOU'RE GAY!
TO THE EXTENT OF MY LOVE FOR YOU!
CHEEKY THING...

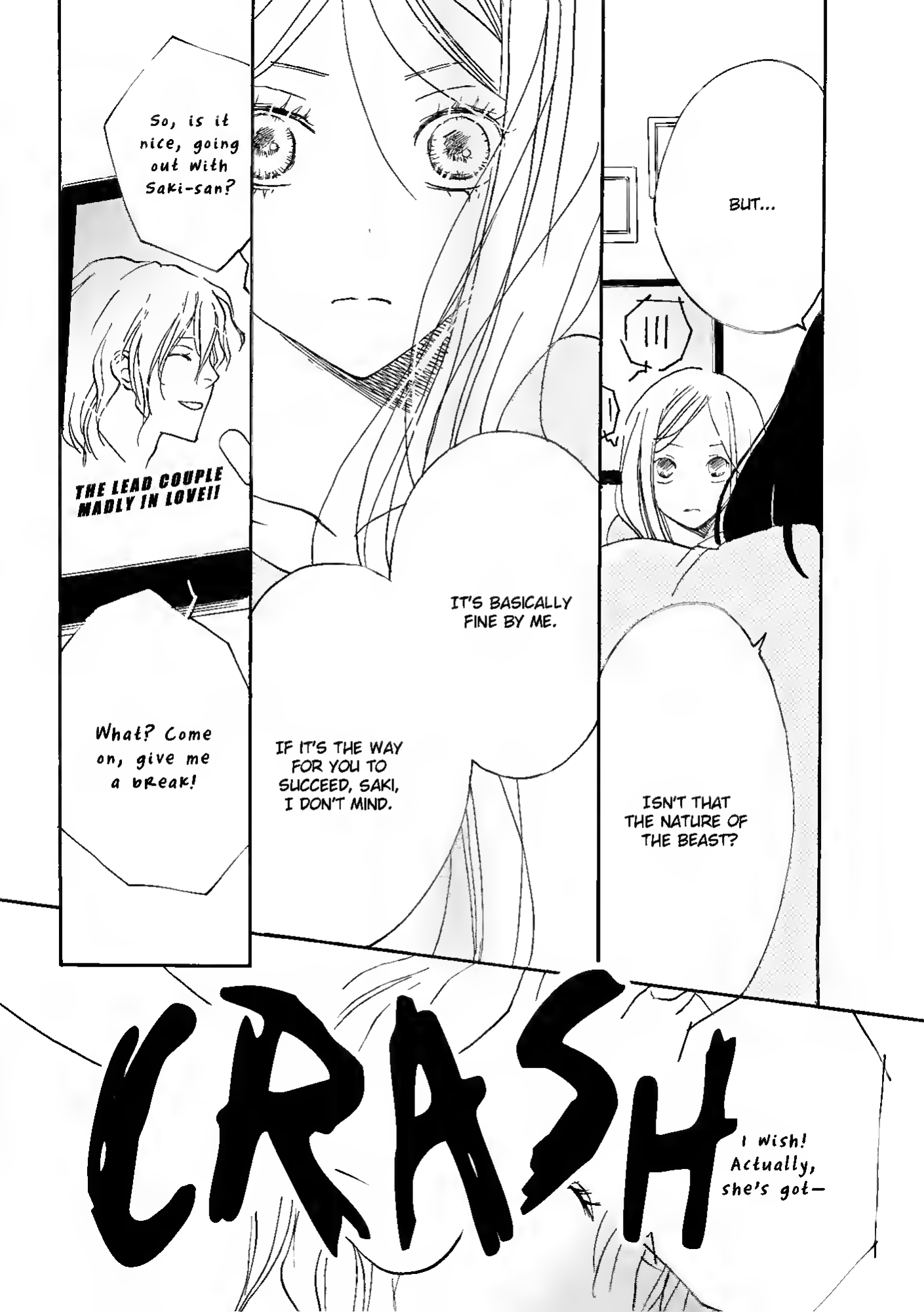
SMACK
I LOVE YOU.
U
DON'T AVOID IT!
HMMMMMM?
YUU
I'M SURE SOMEDAY I'LL HAVE TO PAY
BE WITH ME ALWAYS.
FOR BEING AS HAPPY AS I AM.

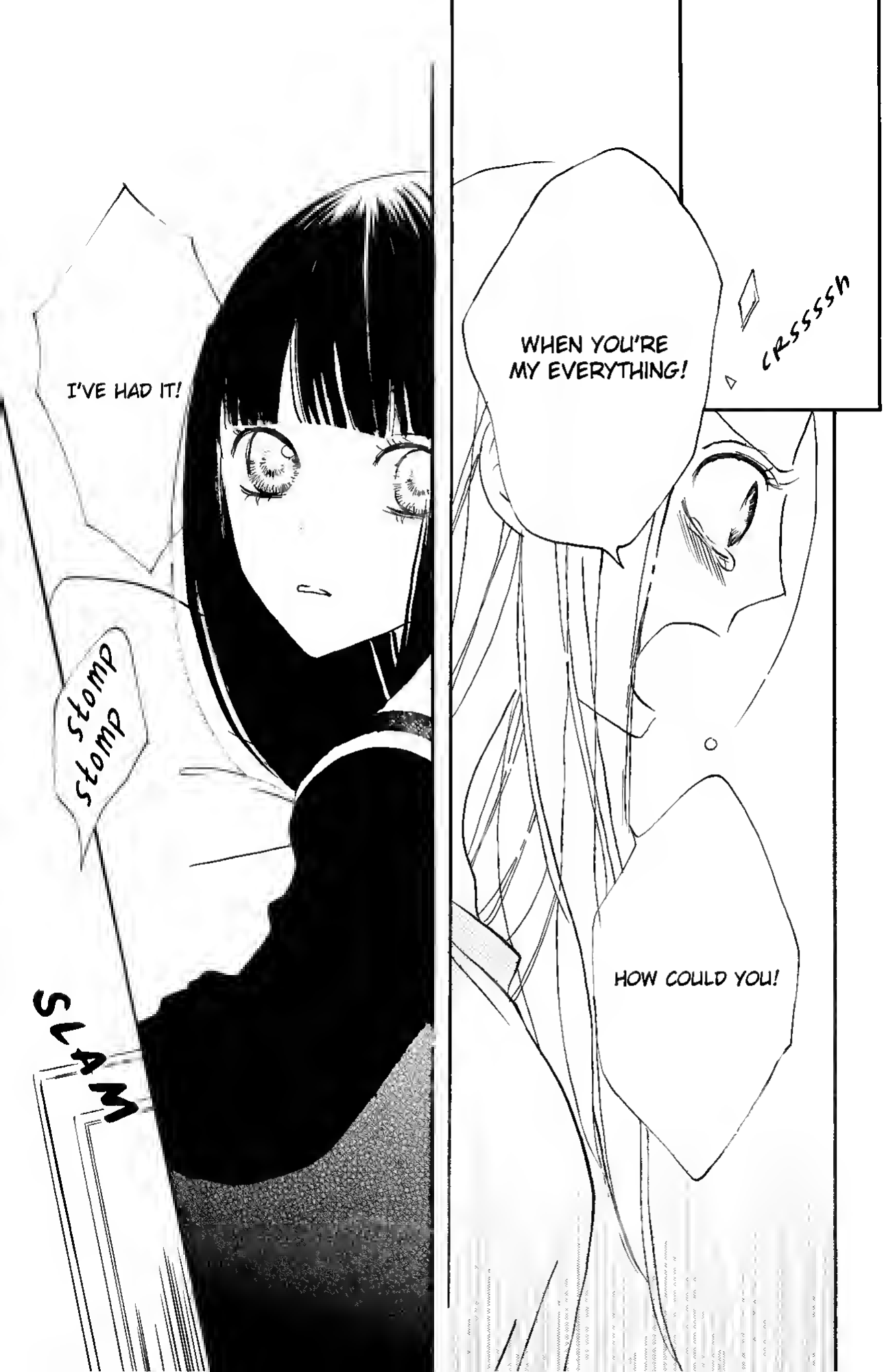

BUT I UNDERSTAND
ALL BY YOURSELF IN THE WORLD OF SHOW BUSINESS...
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, Yuu...
smack
THERE'S PLENTY TO WORRY ABOUT, ISN'T THERE, SAKI?
TURNS OUT HAYATO AND SAKI ARE DATING!
What a shocker!
This, you mean?
YEAH, I DID!
morning
HEY, DIDJA SEE THE WEEKLIES?
IT'S ALL PROMOTIONAL.
YOU HEAR THIS STUFF ALL THE TIME.
A CURBSIDE KISS PHOTO! THAT'S THE WORST!
Waaaah!
BUT IT'S JUST LIKE THE SHOW!
THIS IS AWFUL!
Hey, what's going on?

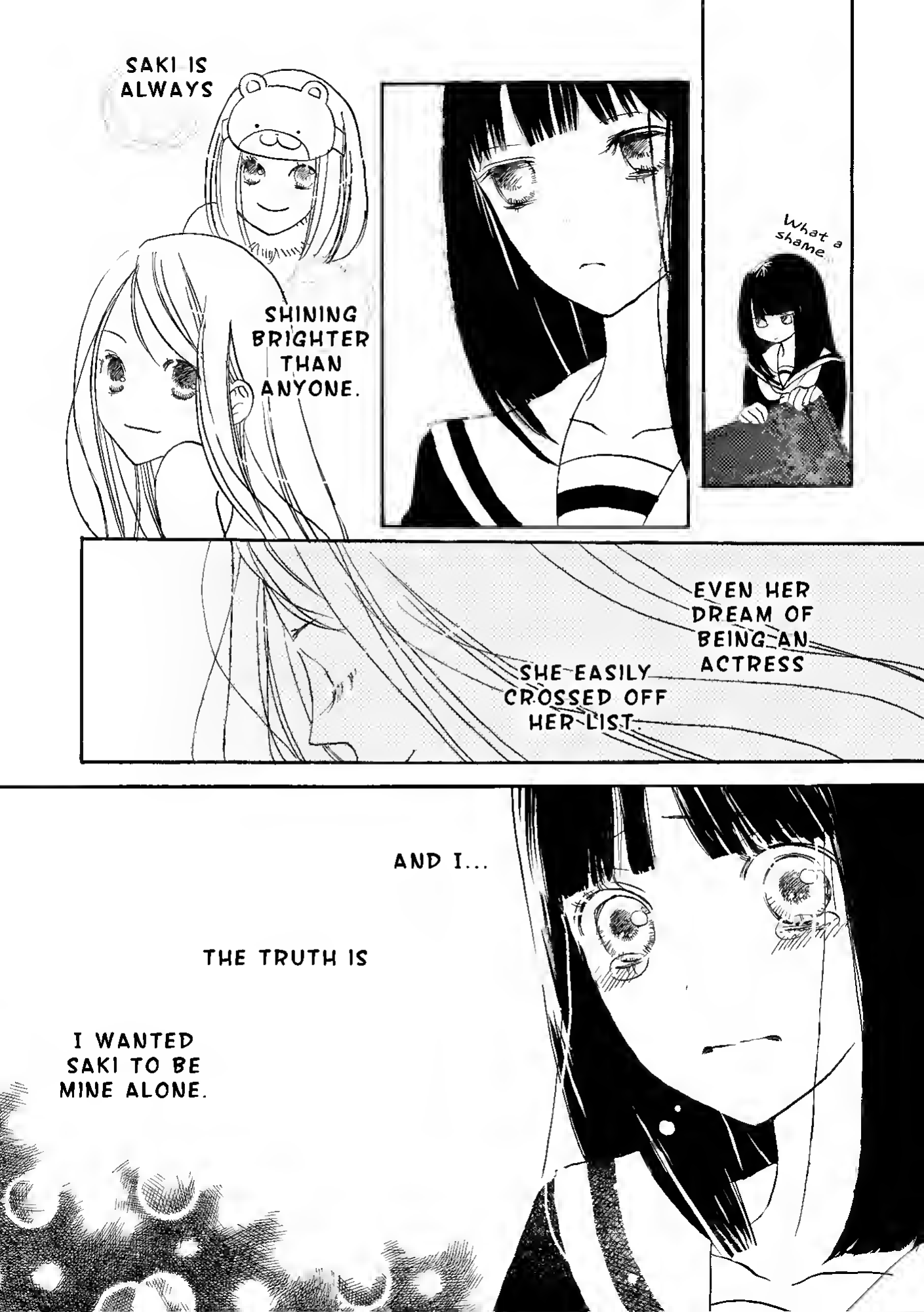
THEY'RE JUST LETTING PHOTOS GET TAKEN THERE.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT, DOESN'T THIS SORTA LOOK LIKE A LOVE HOTEL DISTRICT?
¡NOOOOOOO!
SAKI IS A PROFES-SIONAL.
clench
I'M NOT JEALOUS.
SAKI HAYATO
YOU, AND ONLY YOU
「LOVE」
I DON'T SAY "LOVE"
EVERY MONDAY AT 22:00

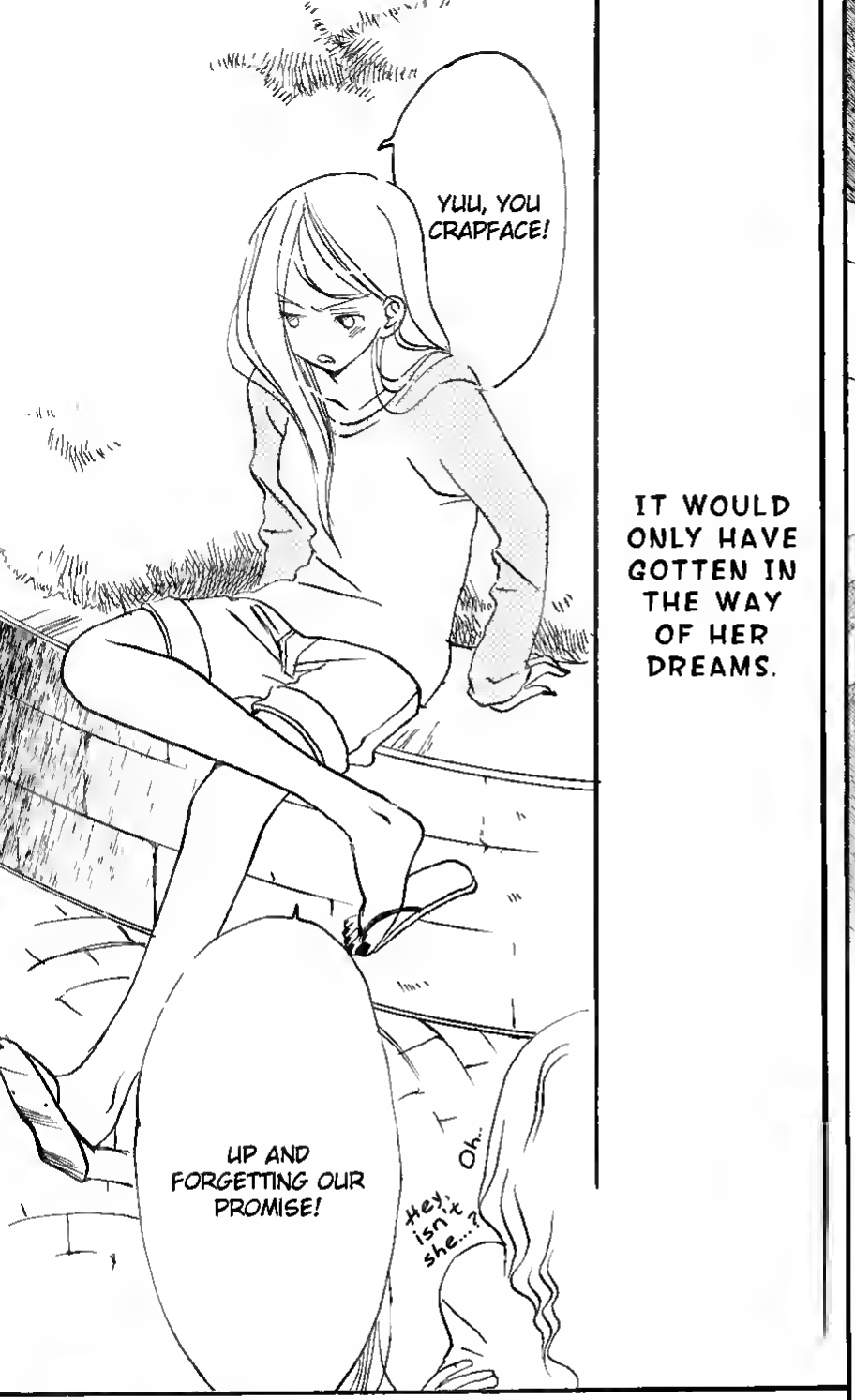
?
Hey, over here! Over here!
YUU-TAN.
GIMME A KISS!


LISTEN, YUU...
I'M SURE THERE WILL BE A LOT OF THIS.
IT'S A HARSH INDUSTRY, AFTER ALL.
FROM NOW ON,
KISS MEEEEEEE
NOPE.
HOW COME?
DO YOU THINK I'M SLEEPING MY WAY TO THE TOP?
OR THAT MAYBE I'LL START, OR SOMETHING?

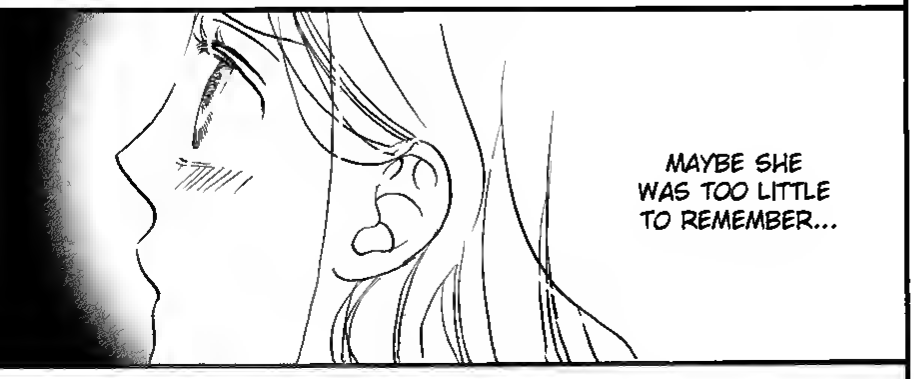

So, is it nice, going out with Saki-san?
THE LEAD COUPLE MADLY IN LOVE!!
What? Come on, give me a break!
IF IT'S THE WAY FOR YOU TO SUCCEED, SAKI, I DON'T MIND.
IT'S BASICALLY FINE BY ME.
BUT...
ISN'T THAT THE NATURE OF THE BEAST?
CRASH
I wish! Actually, she's got—


WHEN YOU'RE MY EVERYTHING!
crsssssh
HOW COULD YOU!
I'VE HAD IT!
stomp stomp
SLAM


SAKI IS ALWAYS
SHINING BRIGHTER THAN ANYONE.
What a shame
EVEN HER DREAM OF BEING AN ACTRESS
SHE EASILY CROSSED OFF HER LIST.
AND I...
THE TRUTH IS
I WANTED SAKI TO BE MINE ALONE.



IT WOULD ONLY HAVE GOTTEN IN THE WAY OF HER DREAMS.



MAYBE SHE WAS TOO LITTLE TO REMEMBER...

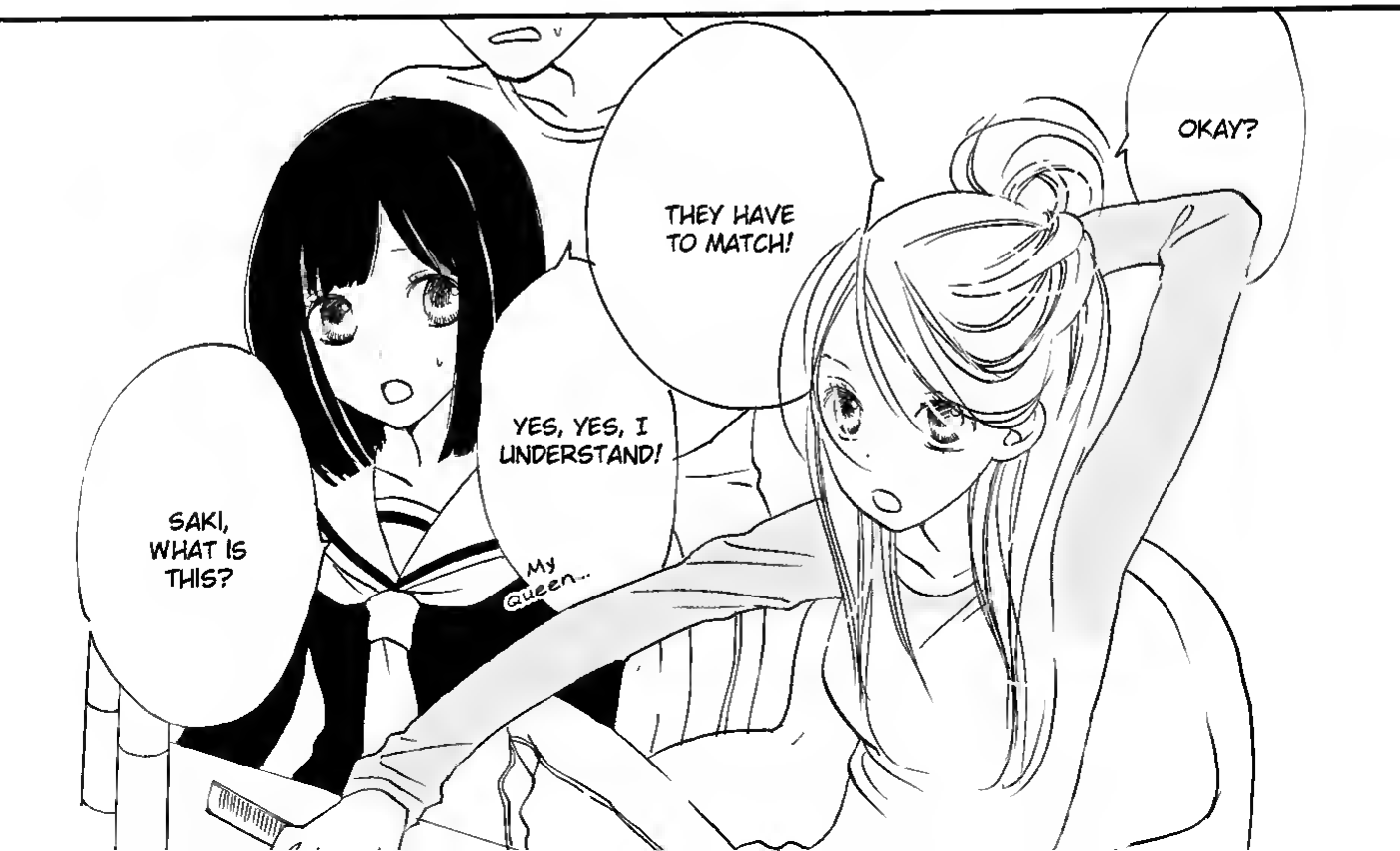
BUT

IF I HAD SAID THAT,

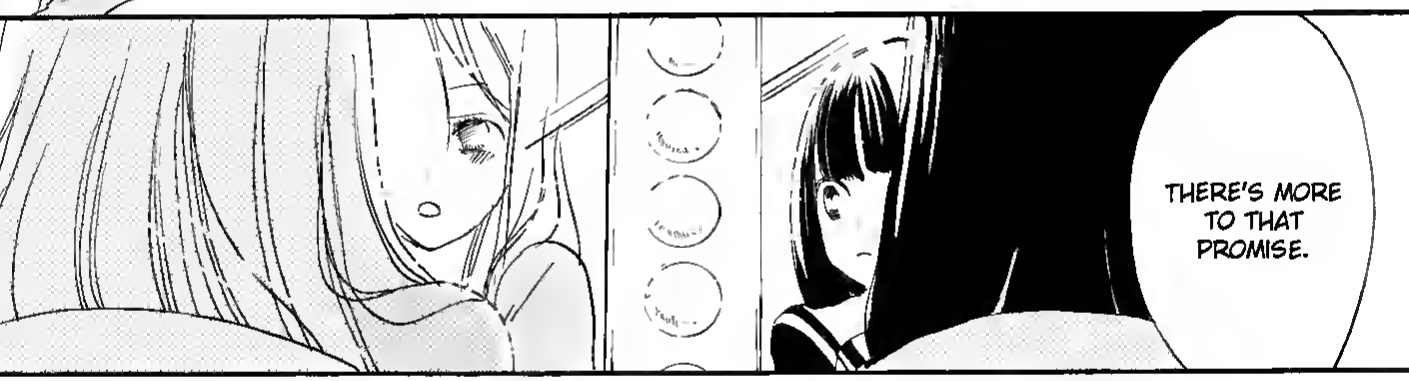
IT WOULD ONLY HAVE MADE TROUBLE FOR HER.

I WONDER
IS IT OVER?
SAKI DIDN'T COME BACK.
I SAID SOMETHING HORRIBLE, AFTER ALL.
MAN, CLASS JUST WENT IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER...
SNIFF
WAH!
Caution! Multiple sightings of suspicious persons!
HUH
JUST COME WITH ME.
GRIP
I DON'T THINK—
HURR HURR
You got a minute, little girl?
SA— U
U

PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
WELL, NOW, IF SHE ISN'T A HIGH SCHOOLER!
Oh, heavens, she's fabulously cute!
WELL, ISN'T THAT NICE?
Tee Hee!
I BROUGHT HER IN, ABE-CHAN.
My, my!
SAKI!
IT'S A QUEER HAIR AND MAKE-UP ARTIST.
I've seen them on TV


OKAY?
THEY HAVE TO MATCH!
YES, YES, I UNDERSTAND!
My Queen..
SAKI, WHAT IS THIS?

Ugh, did you really forget...?
okay, let's not slump!
HUH?
Okay, straight forward, now
THE PROMISE WAS TO BE GIRL-FRIENDS, RIGHT?
WHAT IS IT?
JUST FULFILLING OUR PROMISE.



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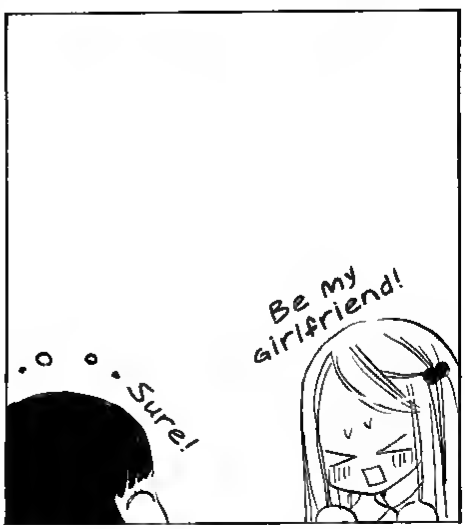

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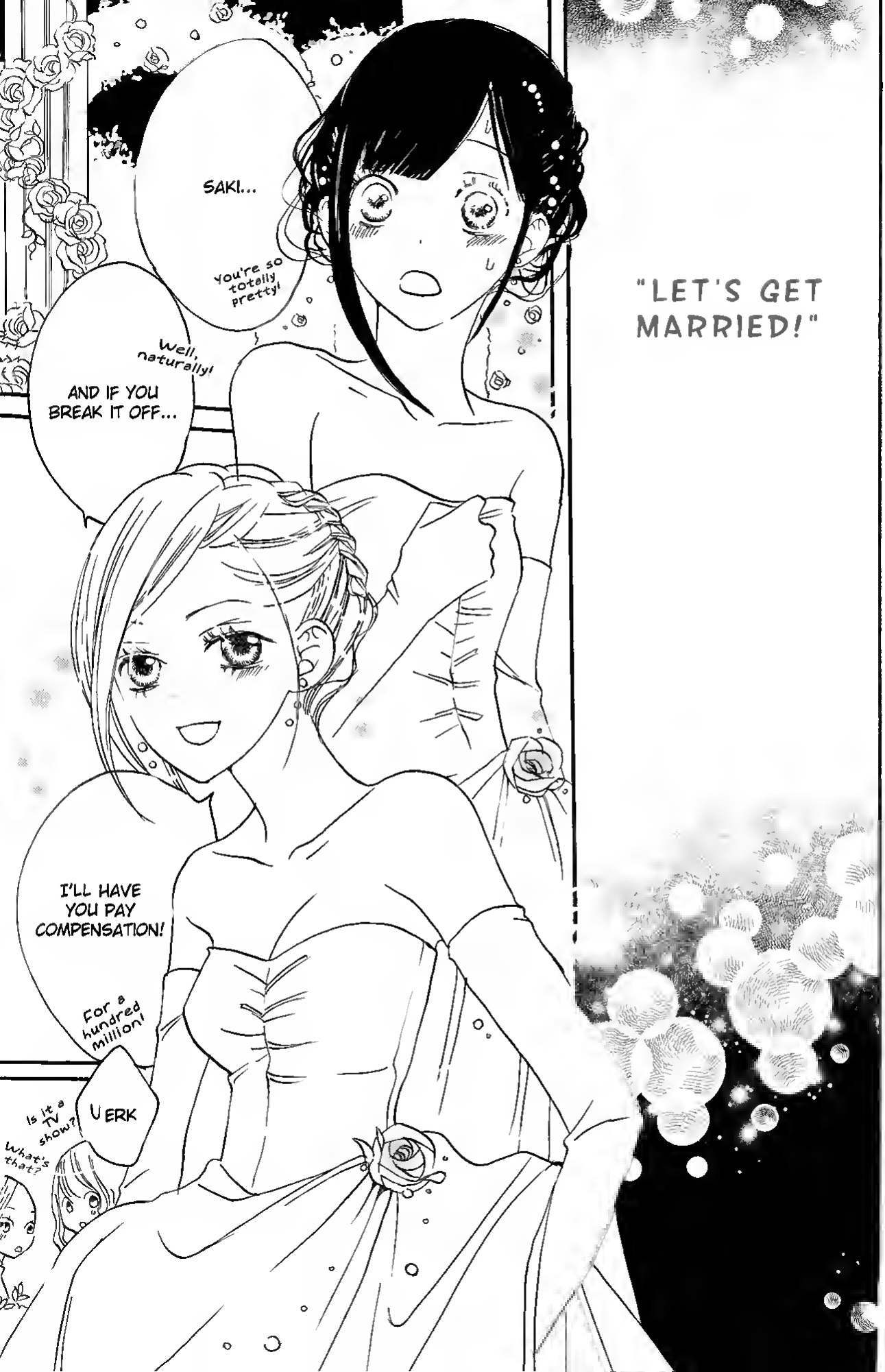
SAKI...
You're so totally pretty!
Well, naturally!
AND IF YOU BREAK IT OFF...
I'LL HAVE YOU PAY COMPENSATION!
For a hundred million!
UERK
Is it a TV show?
What's that?
"LET'S GET MARRIED!"

ABE-CHAN, ARE WE ROLLING?
WE'RE GOOD!
YUU
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.
MARRY ME!
P-PLEASE...

I DON'T WANT TO BE WITHOUT YOU.
I DON'T WANT YOU EVER TO BE APART FROM ME.
I DON'T BELIEVE AN ACTRESS'S TEARS
BUT

THE SAKI
THAT'S MINE ALONE.
THIS, I KNOW.

IT'S AMAZING.
THE SOUND OF YOUR HEART.
Ha Ha!

NO GOOD!
Flip
I'M JUST TOO HAPPY.
WORRIED?
UNNNH...
It would raise a ruckus in class!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IF THE WEEKLIES PRINT IT!
giggle
YOU COULD BE PROUD.

I'LL PROTECT YOU FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE.
YOU'RE TALKING LIKE YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED!
OH, I AM INVOLVED.
SO...
SHALL WE GO AGAIN?
AH, WAIT—
fin.

DEAR
SHIN YUI

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